

IH Role in the Incident Command System

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The National Response System (NRS)

- National Contingency Plan (40 CFR 300)
- Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC)
- National Response Team (NRT)
- Regional Response Team (RRT)

Special Teams under the NRS

- National Strike Force (NSF)
- CG Public Information Assist Team (PIAT)
- EPA Environmental Response Team (ERT)
- NOAA Scientific Support Coordinators (SSC)

Incident Command System (ICS)

- Benefits:
 - Flexible
 - “All Hazard, all Risk”
 - Provides for smooth expansion and contraction of response organization
 - Maintains autonomy of responding agencies

Incident Command System (ICS)

- Built around 5 major management activities:
 - Command (Single or Unified)
 - Operations
 - Planning
 - Logistics
 - Finance/Administration

Role of the Safety Officer

- Why have it? 29 CFR 1910.120 requires it.
- SO has authority to terminate activities
- SO works directly for IC
- SO works with other sections to ensure safety is paramount

Federal Response Plan

- State requests Presidential Disaster Declaration
- President makes Declaration
- Federal agencies bring needed resources as requested by State

Federal Response Plan

- FRP may be (and has been) implemented in response to consequences of terrorism
- Presidential Decision Directive 39 (PDD-39)
- PDD-62
- FRP Terrorism Annex
- Crisis Management vs. Consequence Mgt

Questions?